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In re the Application of:

Richard C. JOHNSON

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For: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR CARRYING
OUT CONTINGENCY-DEPENDENT
PAYMENTS VIA SECURE ELECTRONIC
BANK DRAFTS SUPPORTED BY ONLINE
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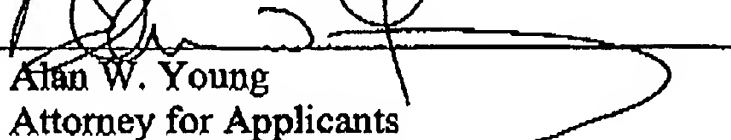
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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby inquire into the status of the above application. To date, Applicants have not received an Office Action or other communication from the PTO in connection with this application. No fee is due with this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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